

REMARKS

Claim rejections 35 USC §103

The examiner has reasserted the position that one skilled in the art would be motivated to combine the teachings from Rothstein with the primary reference to Newman. The applicant respectfully traverses this assumption, and in support thereof submits the attached declaration of explosives expert Gunnar Nevstad. The declarant explains that the problem addressed by the current invention was one of great concern to the munitions industry, and one which experts in the field have been trying to resolve for over 40 years. He further explains why one skilled in the art would not be motivated to combine the teachings of Rothstein with Newman with any reasonable expectation of success, and that the results of the inventor were met with incredulity by an expert in the field. It is believed that the Declaration establishes sufficient secondary idicia of non-obviousness to rebut the examiner's asserted *prima facie* case.